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CURTIS CRUTCHFIELD: Under a proposed administration order, the Central Intelligence Agency could resume many of its ties with local and state police agencies.

The proposed executive order, which is the third in a series of controversial drafts, would wipe out current rules which prohibit US intelligence agencies other than the FBI from participating in or funding any law enforcement activity within the United States unless authorized by law.

Gary Berman of the American Civil Liberties Union, talks about the possible effects of the proposal.

GARY BERMAN: We consider this a very serious threat to civil liberties because what the Reagan executive order would do if promulgated as now written, would permit the CIA to engage in extensive domestic intelligence gathering in the United States.

The CIA is a secret organization, it is beyond most of the checks and balances which govern other agencies of government, even the FBI. It is embroiled in special activities or covert operations abroad which we don't want to happen in the United States. So we consider the order a serious threat.

CRUTCHFIELD: Unlike the first draft, the current proposal reportedly has the tentative approval of high level White House officials and is less restrictive.

Gary Berman compares the draft of the Carter administration with that of the current administration.

BERMAN: ...draft was troubling enough. That came out in March. They went back to the drawing boards and have released